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Dear Spring Gobbler Hunter:

We have been conducting this survey since 1983 to better understand hunter participation, interests, experiences and harvest. Back then almost half of our Cooperators complained of hunter interference and hunting "accidents" were of great concern, thankfully that has changed dramatically through time. As our season comes in early this year compared to last, I will be keenly interested to see if your experiences are different as well.

This daily log survey tracks your turkey hunting activities and harvest. Whether you hunt every day or just once or twice, your survey is very important to me and the committee. On the back of the daily log is a short questionnaire and comment section, tell me what you think about spring gobbler hunting. I try to post my daily log where I see it every day so I can remember to keep filling it out; I hope you do as well.

At the close of the season, simply tape or staple the form with the return address on the outside, stick a stamp on it and mail. All cooperators returning their survey form will receive a copy of the annual Spring Gobbler Survey Report. **Be sure you record your name and address on the outside of the survey form in the space provided.** My secretary Tammie Thompson cannot mail you a report without your address!

Thanks a bunch for participating and helping us manage your wild turkey resource. Good luck spring gobbler hunting and maybe I will have a story for you next year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Krantz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Keith Krantz**  
Wild Turkey Biologist

Enclosure



# 2016 WEST VIRGINIA SPRING GOBBLER SEASON SURVEY

1. Did you see any feral hogs while turkey hunting this season?  
 1. Yes; If yes, what county? \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. No
2. Have you ever called in a bobcat while spring gobbler hunting?  1. Yes or  
 2. No. Did you call in a bobcat this year?  1. Yes  2. No.
3. Did you specifically go fall turkey hunting in 2015?  1. Yes or  2. No  
 If yes, which county did you fall turkey hunt in most? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Did you flush any hens off their nests during the 2016 season?  
 1. Yes → List Dates \_\_\_/\_\_\_/16, \_\_\_/\_\_\_/16, \_\_\_/\_\_\_/16  
 2. No Mo. Day Mo. Day Mo. Day
5. Did you see any hens with broods during the 2016 spring gobbler season?  
 1. Yes  
 2. No
6. Did you pre-season scout for turkeys this year?  
 1. Yes  
 2. No
7. Did you observe timber cutting in the area you hunt?  
 1. Yes → If Yes, did it alter your hunting?  1. Yes  
 2.No  2. No
8. Did you observe oil/gas drilling in the area you hunt?  
 1. Yes → If Yes, did it alter your hunting  1. Yes  
 2. No  2. No
9. Is the turkey population in the area you hunt  
 1. Increasing  
 2. Decreasing  
 3. About the same as last year
10. Within the past few years, some hunters on the internet or t.v. are using a scout and shoot  
 decoy or tail fan to sneak up on strutting gobblers in a technique referred to as reaping.  
 These hunters state that this technique should only be used on private lands and in open  
 field settings. Do you think this method of hunting is safe?  1. Yes  2. No
11. Have you purchased one of these types of decoys?  
 1. Yes  2. No.

10. What was the highlight or what will you most remember about the 2016 Spring  
 Gobbler Season? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Remarks or observations: \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. List any question(s) you would like to see on future surveys: \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. Please list the name and address of a friend or relative who might want to  
 participate in the survey next year: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Spring Gobbler Survey Committee  
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**\*\*\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*\*\*  
 When your season is over, mail your survey in! I need  
 them by Monday May 23, 2016**

**HUNTING FORM**

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